



NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

JOLIET, MONTANA
WPCSRF #: C302276

JOLIET COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

JUNE 7, 2022

Nearly half of the sewer mains within the Town of Joliet are 60-year-old clay tile pipes. The clay tile pipes show significant problems throughout the system, including cracked, separated, and offset joints, cavities, root penetration, and sags. The proposed project will replace or rehabilitate approximately 7,600 linear feet of clay tile pipe. Approximately half of the work will be done as open-cut replacement within existing sewer alignments and the other half will be cured-in-place pipe rehabilitation of existing mains. The proposed project will reduce the amount of water infiltrating into the sewer collection system and reduce the risk of groundwater contamination through wastewater leakage out of the pipes. Reducing infiltration will help Joliet's wastewater treatment facility meet percent removal requirements in the Town's discharge permit and improve the quality of water discharged to Rock Creek.

Pursuant to ARM 17.40.318, the Department has concluded that the proposed project meets the Categorical Exclusion criteria of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). The Categorical Exclusion may be revoked if the project is not initiated within the time period specified in the Preliminary Engineering Report, a new or modified application is submitted, new evidence demonstrates serious local or environmental issues exist, or state, local, tribal, or federal laws are violated.

The documentation for the Categorical Exclusion is available for public review at the following locations:

Department of Environmental Quality
State Revolving Fund Loan Program
1371 Rimtop Drive
Billings, MT 59105

Town of Joliet
116 South Main Street
Joliet, MT 59041

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael Abrahamson", is written over a horizontal line.

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